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AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF
JIMMY HOFFA**

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Third party interview conducted by
the Tampa Police Department (TPD).
The TPD was contacted regarding my
releasability of these pages. They
requested that all 3 pages be
withheld in full.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 05/15/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: SA [REDACTED] Squad C-8

From: Tampa

Squad 8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821-1076 (Pending)
TP-92A-0 (Pending)

Title: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA;
HOFFEX;
OC/DI-LCN
OO: DETROIT

Synopsis: Summary of information developed at Tampa Division regarding captioned matter. Request for confirmation of these details and additional background data concerning same.

Enclosure(s): FD-302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED] a.k.a., [REDACTED] Tampa Police Department report reflecting initial contact with Slate.

Details: [REDACTED] was interviewed upon request of his Attorney to explore his possible future cooperation with the FBI.

[REDACTED] in an initial meeting, offered the story of James "Jimmy" Hoffa's murder as told to him by [REDACTED] of Detroit. [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] (now deceased) was an associate of the [REDACTED] crime family of Detroit, Michigan.

In order to establish [REDACTED] veracity and potential usefulness, Detroit is requested to review the details set forth in the enclosed FD-302 and TPD report and provide any and all additional information held by Detroit concerning the persons and events outlined therein.

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To: Detroit From. Tampa
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 05/15/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Detroit will review the attached FD-302 and TPD reporting and advise Tampa of the accuracy of the details therein. In addition, Detroit is requested to supply background data concerning the individuals and events outlined in same. Tampa further welcomes any questions which Detroit might provide to better determine the potential of [REDACTED] for possible assistance to the FBI.

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To: ~~Director, FBI~~
~~ASAC, New York~~
 SAC, ATLANTA (ATTN: SERCL)

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From: [REDACTED]

Cost Code: 3460

Date: 6/7/01

Subject: **HOFFEX;**
OO:DE

☒ Unclassified ☐ Confidential ☐ Secret
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ENCLOSURES:

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

FTS- [REDACTED] b7C

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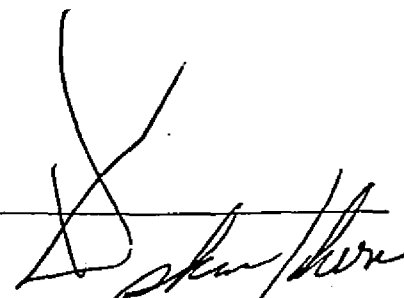
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JUSTIFICATION:

Ongoing investigation.

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Enclosure

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281A-DE-67821
ARS:brs

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On June 29, 2001, SA [REDACTED] b7C conducted the following investigation:

A review of documents indicated that James Riddle Hoffa's father John C. Hoffa was born on February 18, 1882, and died on July 18, 1920.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/17/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED] x [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821-1079 (Pending)
281A-DE-69355-1079 (Pending)
281A-DE-67823-280 (Pending)
183B-DE-58128-244 (Closed)
281A-DE-67839-244 (Pending)
281A-DE-67822-281 (Closed)
281A-DE-61587-614 (Closed)
DE 245A-72-3 (Closed)
DE 245B-58-8 (Closed)
DE 92A-876-244 (Closed)
DE 183A-1932-3 (Closed)
DE 183B-1611-2 (Closed)
DE 183B-2088-146 (Closed)
DE 183A-2135-202 (Closed)
281A-DE-67816-244 (Closed)
166A-DE-64273-111 (Closed)

Title: HOFFEX;
et al;

Synopsis: Retention of evidence.

Details: The above listed cases are all Organized Crime cases. The RICO statute has a statute of limitation provision which has allowed Detroit Organized Crime cases to use evidence over 30 years old. All of the bulky evidence in the above listed cases should be retained for at least ten more years to ensure that it can be used in future Organized Crime trials.

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281A-DE-67821-1079

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/26/2001

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
OC Section, LCN/Labor Unit
Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] .brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: To confirm [REDACTED] interview with [REDACTED]

Administrative: Reference Detroit EC to [REDACTED] 04/13/2001;
[REDACTED] EC to Detroit dated 06/06/2001, and telephone call from SA
[REDACTED] Division, to SA [REDACTED] Detroit Division, 07/12/2001.

Details: During the week of 08/12/2001, SAs [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] will [REDACTED] interview [REDACTED]

As discussed in the above referenced telephone call of
07/12/2001, SA [REDACTED] will attempt to confirm that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

281A-DE-67821-1080

To: Criminal Investigative From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 07/26/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

AT [REDACTED]

Conduct appropriate [REDACTED]

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week of 08/05/2001, and advise Detroit [REDACTED]

during the

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Date of transcription 07/20/2001

[REDACTED] was advised of the interviewing Agents' identity. He then provided the following information:

[REDACTED] he refused to testify at a Federal Grand Jury that was investigating James R. Hoffa's disappearance. [REDACTED] never spoke to him about Hoffa.

b7C [REDACTED] Mario Dellapelle [REDACTED] was introduced to Dellapelle by a man with the last name of [REDACTED] (phonetic). [REDACTED] Dellapelle [REDACTED] involved in various criminal activities including bookmaking. At one time in the early 1970s, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to Dellapelle and were going to collect \$200.00 a week from Dellapelle so he could continue to run his bookmaking operation. Dellapelle refused to pay. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that it is over, they would not collect from Dellapelle. Dellapelle may have been able to avoid paying [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because of his relationship to [REDACTED] he helped [REDACTED] with some of his criminal activities. Dellapelle had been an associate of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dellapelle would take hijacked truck loads of metal and smelt them, and re-sell the smelted product. Some of these hijacked loads may have been directed to Dellapelle by [REDACTED]

In the latter part of 1980, Dellapelle [REDACTED] were talking inside Dellapelle's smelting business. Dellapelle told [REDACTED] on the day Hoffa was kidnaped he was waiting for Hoffa's body to be brought to the smelter. [REDACTED] and a third person that Dellapelle did not know brought Hoffa's body to the smelter. Dellapelle helped the three put Hoffa's body into the smelter. Dellapelle also told [REDACTED] Hoffa had been shot in the car that was used to transport Hoffa to Dellapelle's smelter.

Dellapelle did not own the smelter, he rented the facility from a man who still runs a boat business across the street from the smelter facility. Dellapelle's smelter was on

Investigation on 07/11/2001 at Detroit, Michigan

File # 281A-DE-67821 - 1081

Date dictated 07/16/2001

b7C SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
by [REDACTED] / ARS:brs

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281A-DE-67821

Continuation of FD-302 of _____, On 07/11/2001, Page 2

Franklin Street between St. Aubin and Dubois in Detroit,
Michigan.

The following descriptive data of [REDACTED] was obtained by
interview and observation:

b7C [Name
Race
Sex
Date of birth
Address
Telephone
Cell phone
Daughter

[REDACTED]

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No

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/24/2001

To: Tampa

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] brs.

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821-1082 (Pending)
TP-92A-0-44 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Interview results of [REDACTED]

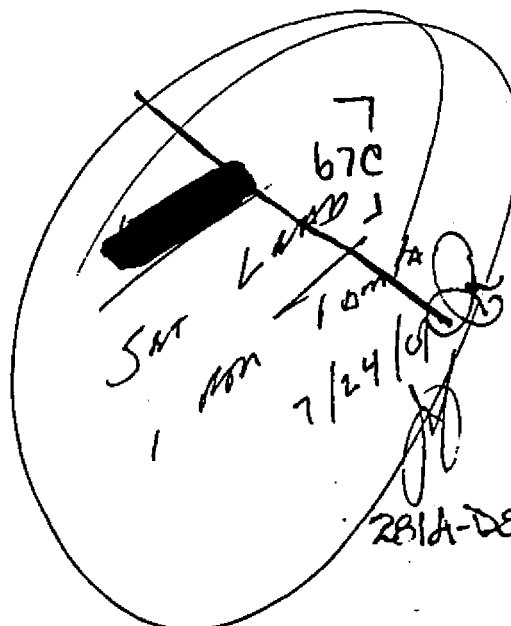
Administrative: Reference Tampa EC to Detroit dated 05/15/2001.

Enclosures: One copy of an FD-302 of [REDACTED] dated 07/11/2001.

Details: On 07/11/2001, [REDACTED] was interviewed by FBI Detroit. [REDACTED] claimed that Mario Dellapelle, [REDACTED] and an unknown fourth person disposed of Hoffa's body in a smelter run by Dellapelle. [REDACTED] was told this by Dellapelle in late 1980.

During the interview, [REDACTED] agreed to take a Polygraph regarding Dellapelle's statements to him. A Polygraph of [REDACTED] would be very beneficial to the Hoffex investigation.

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281A-DE-67821-1082

To: Tampa From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 07/24/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

TAMPA

AT BRADENTON, FL

b7C [Contact [REDACTED] and arrange for a Polygraph
regarding [REDACTED] statement that Mario Dellapelle's admitted
disposal of James Riddle Hoffa's body.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/23/2001

To: [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED] Ext. [REDACTED]

b7C Approved By: [REDACTED] JES

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead re James R. Hoffa's disappearance.

b7C Details: According to an FD-71 Complaint Form dated 03/12/2001,
b7D from [REDACTED] (protect identity) was
aware of someone who may have been involved in the disappearance
of James R. Hoffa's kidnaping and murder. [REDACTED] came to this
knowledge secondhand. [REDACTED] address and telephone number are
[REDACTED]

Several years ago [REDACTED] worked with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number
[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that, her best friend, an
[REDACTED] named [REDACTED] (phonetic) lived with an
abusive boyfriend. This [REDACTED] had
something to do with the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa.

[REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] once worked at
the [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]
S.E. [REDACTED]
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281A-DE-67821-1085

To: [REDACTED] rom: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 07/23/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

b7C
b7D

AT [REDACTED]

Locate [REDACTED] in order to fully identify and
locate [REDACTED] Interview [REDACTED] and identify her
boyfriend.

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On July 25, 2001, SA [REDACTED] conducted the following investigation:

[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the investigating Agent in response to a call between the investigating Agent and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] work telephone number is [REDACTED]

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On July 24, 2001, SA [REDACTED] conducted the following investigation:

[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the investigating Agent in response to a previous telephone call. [REDACTED] advised of the following:

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] suggested that he would contact [REDACTED] who could provide more information on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then agreed to contact [REDACTED] and he would ask her to call the investigating Agent.

[Handwritten signature]

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Date of transcription 05/14/2001

On May 8, 2001 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] at the office of his [REDACTED]. The interview was conducted at the request of [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]. Also present at this interview was Tampa Police Department Detective [REDACTED].

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b7D [REDACTED] He told [REDACTED] Hoffa was probably in a junk yard in Romulas, Michigan. [REDACTED] heard nothing except public rumor concerning the Hoffa case until he was released from prison much later.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] Mario Dellapelle had been an associate of the La Cosa Nostra in Detroit, Michigan and worked for [REDACTED] "Tony Jack" Giacalone. [REDACTED] noted that Tony Giacalone had died a few months ago and the FBI had been questioning him concerning the Hoffa disappearance up until the time of his death. Mario Dellapelle had been the owner of an industrial building on the waterfront in downtown Detroit. This site contained three furnaces or metal smelters. There Dellapelle melted metals for resale and sold or redistributed stolen products for the mob. [REDACTED] had been told by Dellapelle that James Hoffa's body had been disposed of in one of his furnaces. Dellapelle stated [REDACTED] traveled from New Jersey to pick up Hoffa for a "sit down" meeting with another unknown individual on the day of his death. There was a third unknown person in the car with Hoffa and the [REDACTED] shot Hoffa in the back of the head. They then drove the car to Dellapelle's building where the body was disposed of. [REDACTED] did not know how the car was disposed of, but stated no evidence of this crime would have been retained by the killers.

Investigation on 5/8/01 at [REDACTED]File # 281A-DE-67821/92A-TP-0Date dictated N/Aby SA [REDACTED] b7C

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

On 5/8/01

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[REDACTED] noted that Mario Dellapelle died in a federal prison six to eight years ago.

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b7D

[REDACTED] stated in the 1970's someone named Sully Shindel (an alias) had been killed, placed in the trunk of a car and disposed of in the same manner. Also, a person called Harry Mack (an alias for a lengthy polish name) was murdered in the same manner. [REDACTED] recalled Mack had run big gambling junkets from Detroit to Las Vegas.

He stated he had heard of the mob's involvement in both medicare fraud and a mortgage operation, but had no first hand experience with same. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/07/2001

To: Pittsburgh

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

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Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Locate and interview complainant re possible location of Jimmy R. Hoffa's body.

Details: In late July, 2001, [REDACTED] sent a letter and video tape regarding [REDACTED] he made in [REDACTED]. In the letter [REDACTED] stated he had learned that the [REDACTED] was a possible disposal site for Hoffa. [REDACTED] did not mention how he found out that Hoffa may have been disposed of in [REDACTED]. b7A

[REDACTED] address is [REDACTED]

b7C

Sgt. L. [REDACTED]
RAN PITTSBURGH
8/7/01
[Signature]

281A-DE-67821-1087

To: Pittsburgh From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 08/07/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

PITTSBURGH

AT WASHINGTON, WV

[b7C] Locate [REDACTED] and determine why he
believes Jimmy R. Hoffa's body was disposed of in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[b7A]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/29/2001

To: Louisville

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)
91A-LS-57116-9 (Closed)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Request search of Lexington Herald-Leader back issues.

Administrative: Reference telephone call from SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Detroit Division, to IA [REDACTED], 08/28/2001.

Details: A newspaper article appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader during the period of 07/08/1991, to 12/31/1993, concerning a FBI Polygraph test. The article indicated that [REDACTED] aka. [REDACTED], had passed a FBI Polygraph test concerning his role in a [REDACTED]. The article may have been in column form combined with other articles. It is unknown if the word Polygraph was in the article.

A copy of this article showing that the FBI used a Polygraph to clear a subject will be very helpful to this investigation to help [REDACTED]

To: Louisville From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 08/29/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

LOUISVILLE

AT LEXINGTON, KY

b7C Review back issues of the Lexington Herald-Leader from
07/08/1991 through 12/31/1993, for the article covering [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] being cleared from a [REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 08/23/2001

[redacted], date of birth [redacted] social security account number [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted] For many years, he has wanted to [redacted] in [redacted] because of the numerous submerged islands which were used as [redacted] [redacted] had the opportunity to [redacted] and he utilized a local tour guide, [redacted]

[redacted] worked in the [redacted] at the time of JIMMY HOFFA's death. He told [redacted] he was interviewed on a couple of occasions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding HOFFA's death.

On the way to the [redacted] old [redacted] that he might find the bones of HOFFA in [redacted] [redacted] thought nothing of the conversation until he began [redacted] [redacted] is approximately [redacted]

[redacted] found what he thought was a tree stump, but it turned out to be one oblong and three cylindrical containers approximately 18" across and two feet in depth. The containers were made of what [redacted] described as enamelware, which is the type of metal used in kitchen pots and pans. The metal containers had handles of what appeared to be steel or iron. [redacted] did not take a long look at them, but he thought it was very unusual for those types of containers to be located in [redacted] near the Indian burial grounds.

[redacted] does not know for certain whether HOFFA was buried in [redacted] He was only told this by [redacted] [redacted] does not know the contents of the metal containers, but he thought it was unusual enough to report to the FBI.

Investigation on 08/20/2001 at [redacted] (telephonically)
File # 281A-DE-67821 - 1039 Date dictated 08/21/2001
by SA [redacted] mjm b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/30/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: Squad C-8
SA [REDACTED]

From: ✓ Pittsburgh

Squad 7/ [REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

or [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

b7c Drafted By: [REDACTED] mjm

Case ID #: 281F-DE-67821-1090 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead covered.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Detroit are the original and one copy of FD-302 interview of [REDACTED]. Also enclosed is an FD-340 containing the original interview notes.

Details: On 08/20/2001, [REDACTED] was interviewed. Results set forth.

To: Detroit . . . Pittsburgh
Re: 281F-DE-67821, 08/30/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MI

Lead covered.

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Date of transcription 08/16/2001

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on 08/16/2001:

The author conducted a review of the [REDACTED] files which reflected the following descriptions of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Name:
Date of Birth:
Sex:
Race:
SSN:
FBI No.:
Driver's License:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Scars/Tattoos:
Address:

Name:
Date of Birth:
Sex:
Race:
SSN:
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Investigation on 08/16/2001File # 281A-DE-67821 - 1091Date dictated 08/16/2001

by SA [REDACTED] b7C wwb

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Date of transcription 09/05/2001

[REDACTED] (Protect Identity), also known as [REDACTED] white male, date of birth [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed on 09/05/2001 by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the McDonalds restaurant located on [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, he provided the following information: b7C b7D b7A

[REDACTED] related he did not know JIMMY HOFFA, or any of HOFFA's associates. Further, he was in Chicago, Illinois in July 1975, and had no knowledge regarding the disappearance of HOFFA. The only information he could relate was that it was rumored that a Mafia figure named [REDACTED] [phonetic], also known as "[REDACTED]" had first hand knowledge regarding the disappearance and death of HOFFA. According to [REDACTED] now deceased, was a "boss" of a mafia family located on the [REDACTED].

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED]

Investigation on 09/05/2001 at [REDACTED]File # 281A-DE-67821 - 1092Date dictated 09/05/2001

by SA [REDACTED] wwb

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/23/2001

(Protect Identity),
date of birth [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed
on 08/22/2001 by Special Agent [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED]
Police Department, [REDACTED] After being advised of the
identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the
interview, she provided the following information:

never made any claims to her that he was involved the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA, but [REDACTED] did recall he may have mentioned at one time that he knew someone involved in HOFFA's disappearance.

Investigation on 08/22/2001

File # 281A-DE-67821

Date dictated 08/23/2001

by SA

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Date of transcription 08/16/2001

b7C
b7D [redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] and is employed at [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
extension [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] on 08/16/2001 [redacted] After being
advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose
of the interview, she provided the following information:

[redacted] related [redacted] had told her that her
former boyfriend, [redacted] was a former member of organized
crime and that he had participated in the murder of JIMMY HOFFA.
[redacted]

b7C/b7D
Investigation on 08/16/2001 at [redacted] (telephonically)

File # 281A-DE-67821-1094 Date dictated 08/16/2001

b7C by SA [redacted] wwb

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/05/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Squad 4

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] wwb

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead received in captioned case covered by [REDACTED]

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1083

Administrative: Re telecalls between SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on 08/23/2001 and 08/29/2001.

Enclosure(s): For Detroit, the following:

- (1) Original and two copies of FD 302 of interview of [REDACTED] conducted 08/16/2001,
- (2) Original and two copies of FD 302 of interview of [REDACTED] conducted 08/22/2001
- (3) Original and two copies of FD 302 of interview of [REDACTED] conducted 09/05/2001.
- (4) Original and two copies of FD 302 regarding [REDACTED] Crime Information Center checks on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- (5) Three copies of [REDACTED] photograph of [REDACTED]

Details: Lead received by [REDACTED] Division requesting an interview of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with follow-up investigation for interview of [REDACTED] has been completed.

To: Detroit From: [REDACTED] b7D
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 09/05/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

DETROIT

AT DETROIT

Read and clear. Hard copy enroute.

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Date of transcription 08/29/2001

b7A
b7C At approximately 2:20 p.m., [REDACTED]
previously aware of the interviewing Agents' identity provided
the following information:

He denied being involved in the disappearance of James
Riddle Hoffa [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Investigation on 08/13/2001 at [REDACTED]
File # 281A-DE-67821-1096 Date dictated 08/29/2001
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] :brs

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Date of transcription 08/29/2001

At approximately 8:20 a.m., [REDACTED]
previously aware of the interviewing Agents' identity, provided
the following information:

Due to [REDACTED]
wanted to [REDACTED]

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Investigation on 08/13/2001 at [REDACTED]
File # 281A-DE-67821 -1097 Date dictated 08/27/2001
by SAS [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] ARS:brs

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

b7D
b7C Date of transcription 08/29/2001

At approximately 11:06 a.m., [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, but due to [REDACTED] and other personal business he was unable to be interviewed. He agreed to be interviewed later in the day.

Investigation on 08/13/2001 at [REDACTED] b7D
b7C
File # 281A-DE-67821-1028 Date dictated 08/29/2001
by 157C SAs [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] / ARS:brs

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ARS:brs

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b7A [The following investigation was conducted on August 13,
b7C 2001, by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The cellular telephone number for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

281A-DE-67821-1099

Automated Serial Permanent Charge-Out
FD-5a (1-5-94)

Date: 09/07/01 Time: 11:54

Case ID: 281A-DE-67821 Serial: 1100

Description of Document:

Type : FD302
Date : 08/16/01
To : DETROIT
From : DETROIT
Topic: INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] b7C

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

SERIALIZED IN WRONG FILE IN ERROR

Transferred to:

Case ID: 159A-DE-84204 Serial: 525

Employee: [REDACTED]
b7C

281A-DE-67821-1100

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/06/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: SA [REDACTED]
Squad C-8

From: Louisville

Lexington RA

Contact: IA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] :pjc

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending) -1101
91A-LS-57116 (Closed) -107

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Search of Lexington Herald-Leader back issues.

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1088
91A-LS-57116 Serial 91

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Administrative: Reference telephone call between IA [REDACTED],
Louisville Division, Lexington RA, and SA [REDACTED]
Detroit Division, September 5, 2001.

Details: On September 4, 2001, and again on September 5, 2001,
the database of the Lexington Library was utilized in searching
indices of the Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper in an attempt to
obtain a copy of a news article relating to an individual named
[REDACTED] taking a polygraph test and being cleared as
a subject [REDACTED]

This search was conducted for the period 1991 through
the first quarter of 1993, by searching [REDACTED] name, the name
of [REDACTED] the name and location of
the [REDACTED], and
also searching articles containing the words polygraph and/or
lie-detector. Many news articles were reviewed as a result of
this search, however, no articles could be located pertaining to
[REDACTED]

In view of above, lead set for Lexington, Kentucky, is
considered covered at this time.

b7C [REDACTED]
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To: Detroit From: Louisville
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 09/06/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MI

Read and clear.

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ARS:brs

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Attached is a copy of a letter sent by the
investigating Agent, SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]
September 7, 2001.

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FBI letter to a
third party of
investigative interest

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/10/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
Squad C-8

From: Criminal Investigative
Organized Crime Section, LCN/IOC/LR Unit, Room 3058
Contact: SSA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] *GDH/pt*

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:gaw

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)-1103

Title: HOFFEX;
OC/DI LCN;
OO: DETROIT

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Synopsis: Potential lead information on captioned case.

Enclosure(s): Four page, handwritten letter to the FBI from [REDACTED] dated 09/07/2001.

Details: The enclosed letter from [REDACTED] was received in the LCN Unit at FBIHQ on Friday, 10/05/2001. It is being forwarded to Detroit squad C-8 for what ever action deemed appropriate.

[REDACTED] claims to have knowledge concerning the 07/30/1975 disappearance of James R. Hoffa. [REDACTED] states that he was given a letter to hold and mail under certain circumstances that detailed the Hoffa disappearance and murder. He also claims to have had personal conversations with some of the individuals involved in the Hoffa disappearance that confirm what he read in the letter. [REDACTED] is currently [REDACTED] as detailed in his letter to the FBI, and his motive for coming forward is to receive [REDACTED]

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To: Detroit Frc Criminal Investigative
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 10/10/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

DETROIT

AT DETROIT

Take what ever action deemed appropriate and advise the
LCN Unit.

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Third party letter sent to the FBI.

Letter is in the personal handwriting
of the sender.

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan

(313) 226-9640

211 W. Fort Street
Suite 2001
Detroit, Michigan 48226

October 4, 2001

Dear [REDACTED]

Concerning your letter of September 14, 2001 regarding the investigation of the disappearance of James Hoffa, I forwarded a copy to both Mr. Alan M. Gershel, United States Attorney, and Mr. Bell, the FBI, SAC. At the present time, we are in the process of conducting a detailed review of the files to ascertain whether or not there is any basis for seeking to file criminal charges against any individual or group of individuals.

[REDACTED] We are more than willing to discuss the nature and quality of our evidence with [REDACTED]. I must note that [REDACTED] has also expressed interest in this case.

At the present time, it is our intention to prepare a Special Agent's report summarizing and detailing the evidence developed during the investigation. It is not possible at this time to determine whether or not there exists sufficient credible evidence upon which to predicate charges. When the report is completed, we will be more than willing to discuss the matter with your office and the [REDACTED] to gain your insights and recommendations.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. GERSHEL
United States Attorney

Keith E. Corbett
KEITH E. CORBETT
Assistant U.S. Attorney

cc: Alan M. Gershel
John Bell

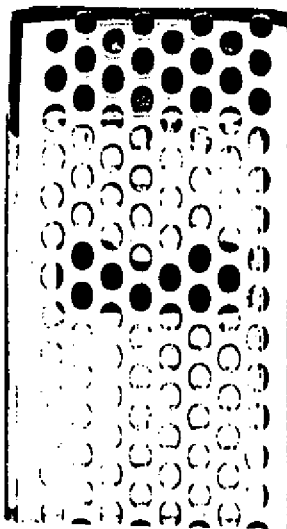
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SSA [REDACTED]

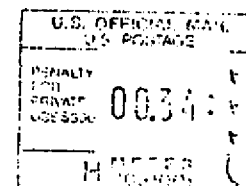
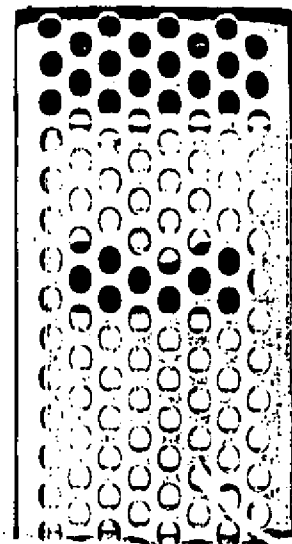
SA [REDACTED]



U.S. Department of Justice

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Eastern District of Michigan
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/11/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: Squad C-8

From: Indianapolis

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] llc (I:284LLC09.EC)

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821-1105 (Pending)

Title: HOFFA, JAMES RIDDLE
HOFFEX

Synopsis: Reporting information received from [REDACTED]

Details: For information of case Agent, on 10/05/2001, one [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Indianapolis Division and advised that on the day captioned subject Hoffa disappeared, he was in a parking lot next to the Red Fox Restaurant, waiting for a friend, who was getting a haircut. As he waited, he saw [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] noted he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pointed out he is originally from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While at the time he never reported this information to local authorities, he decided to contact authorities now because he thought there was no more interest in the case anymore until he saw a recent article in the newspaper explaining that, in fact, law enforcement officials were still actively working the matter.

Based on this information, Indianapolis Division will leave any followup investigation up to the discretion of Detroit.

The following descriptive information was obtained through interview and an Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles check.

To: Detroit From: Indianapolis
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 10/11/2001

Descriptive Data:

Reference

Name -

Last:

First:

Middle:

Race:

Sex:

DOB:

DLN:

SOC:

Address(es) -

House #:

Street Name:

Street Suffix:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Telephone:

Miscellaneous -

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

NCIC Record:

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To: Detroit From: Indianapolis
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 10/11/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MI

Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/19/2001

To: Charlotte

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Interview possible witness to kidnaping of James Riddle Hoffa.

Details: Re telephone call from SA [REDACTED] Kansas City Division, to SA [REDACTED] Detroit Division, on 11/19/2001.

SA [REDACTED] advised he had received information that [REDACTED] had witnessed the kidnaping of James Hoffa on 07/30/1975. SA [REDACTED] identified, located and telephonically spoke to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had made [REDACTED] and was resting [REDACTED] when he saw Hoffa waiting. An [REDACTED] up and a [REDACTED] Hoffa. Hoffa [REDACTED] claims he could identify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] and he normally does not get home from work until after 6:00 p.m.

To: Charlotte from: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 11/19/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

CHARLOTTE

AT [REDACTED]

b7c [Conduct logical interview of [REDACTED] and also obtain
description of Hoffa; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] employer in 1975, and any records that confirm [REDACTED]
was working in Michigan in 1975.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

AT [REDACTED]

Coordinate a possible photographic lineup with Detroit
Division concerning identifying the [REDACTED]

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FBI told to produce its Hoffa file

**Free Press wins round;
fight for access goes on**

By DAVID ASHENFELTER
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

In a setback for the FBI, a federal judge ordered the government Wednesday to produce 11 years' worth of documents so she can decide whether there is any chance of prosecuting anyone in the 1975 disappearance of Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa.

If U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts finds the FBI has made no progress in the case and is unlikely to bring anyone to trial, she could order the government

to open its Hoffa files to the Detroit Free Press.

In her ruling, Roberts said the FBI's decision to provide details of the investigation to the Detroit News for a story in September raises questions about the government's claim that releasing documents to the Free Press will compromise its ability to crack the 26-year-old case.

"The disclosure of such substantial and detailed evidence to the Detroit News calls into the question the veracity of the FBI's justification for withholding the documents at issue, raising questions of bad faith," Roberts said.

The government must produce the documents by Feb. 21.

"The FBI wants to take a very close look at this ruling," FBI spokesman Hank Glaspie said Wednesday. "Beyond that, we have no other comment at this time."

Free Press lawyer Cameron Evans said the decision is a victory for the newspaper and the public, which he said has a right to know what the FBI knows about Hoffa's disappearance.

Evans argued in court that the FBI leaked the results of DNA tests to the News on the eve of a court hearing on the Free Press' suit in order to create the impression that the FBI was close to making an arrest. The Free Press filed its suit in January.

The paper has been trying to obtain the files for more than a decade.

The News reported in September that recent DNA tests had determined a strand of Hoffa's hair was found in a car that Hoffa's protegee, Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, was driving on the day Hoffa disappeared.

Although the DNA tests don't prove how or when the hair wound up in the car, the government said the tests seemed to contradict O'Brien's long-held claim that he had nothing to do with Hoffa's disappearance.

Hoffa, 62, vanished July 30,

Please see HOFFA, Page 7B

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Date: 11-23-2001
Edition: Detroit Free Press

Title: Hoffa

Character:

Classification: 281A-DE-67821

Submitting Office:

Indexing: Detroit

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1975, on his way to a meeting with Anthony Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamsters boss and Mafia associate, and Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, a reputed captain of the Detroit Mafia.

The FBI has theorized that Hoffa got into the car with O'Brien at a Bloomfield Hills restaurant believing he would be driven to the meeting. The FBI theory is that Hoffa was killed by Provenzano's allies to prevent him from regaining the Teamsters presi-

dency and ending the mob's access to union pension funds.

Hoffa was declared legally dead in 1982. No one has ever been prosecuted for his death.

Contact DAVID ASHENFELTER at 313-223-4490 or ashenf@freepress.com.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/06/2001

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
OC Section, LCN/Labor Unit
Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: To confirm SAC [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] interview with [REDACTED]

Administrative: Reference Detroit EC [REDACTED] dated 07/26/2001,
and telephone call from SSRA [REDACTED], to SSA
[REDACTED] Detroit Division, 12/05/2001.

Details: On 12/10/2001, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Detroit remains
committed to resolving this case.

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] plan on [REDACTED]
on 12/12/2001.

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will coordinate with SA [REDACTED]
as a point of contact while [REDACTED]

281A-DE-67821-1108

To: Criminal Investigative From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 12/06/2001

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
For information of SAC and [REDACTED]

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O'Brien silent on Hoffa case

**He declines comment
on FBI claim labor
leader was in his car.**

By Norman Sinclair
The Detroit News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — The three-bedroom, two-bath Mediterranean-style villa could be the home of most any upper-middle class family in this south Florida city.

But the home, tucked in a subdivision of similar town-

houses set among neat lawns and clusters of lush tropical plants, flowers and trees,

belongs to Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, a central figure in the disappearance of former

Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa.

O'Brien, 66, came to south Florida almost immediately after Hoffa disappeared July 30, 1975.

Hoffa was last seen at a now-defunct Bloomfield Township restaurant. Federal investigators

believe O'Brien drove Hoffa from the restaurant and played a role in Hoffa's disappearance.

O'Brien has repeatedly denied Hoffa was in the car.

In the past 26 years,

O'Brien has, despite bankruptcy and serious health problems, built a new life with his family in Boca Raton.

The fine and the family of five.

O'Brien recently told a Detroit News reporter before declining any further comment.

And until The Detroit News reported on Sept. 7 that Hoffa's

DNA was found in the back seat of a car, O'Brien was driving the afternoon Hoffa disappeared.

O'Brien largely avoided the public spotlight of the continuing investigation.

Before the DNA breakthrough, the FBI had not had enough solid evidence to refute

O'Brien's repeated denials that he picked up Hoffa or that Hoffa was ever in that car.

Now, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have stalled the Hoffa investigation and the question-

ing of O'Brien by FBI agents.

In August, FBI agents, who knew of the DNA match, inter-

viewed O'Brien during a five-day trip they made in Boca Raton.

Andrew Sluss, the agent in charge of the case, was sched-

uled to return to Florida in September for a second round of interviews with O'Brien. But

then terrorists struck New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylv-

ania.

Please see O'BRIEN, Page 2D.

DATE: 11-13-01
Editor: ID

Title:

Character:

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Submitting Office:

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O'BRIEN

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Instead of going to Florida, Sluss and some 20 agents from Detroit were assigned to a special response team that was sent to Pittsburgh on Sept. 12 where they spent nearly two weeks sifting through the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93.

Health problems overcome

The delay in re-interviewing O'Brien comes as he has overcome a string of financial and health problems in Florida.

Shortly after Hoffa disappeared on July 30, 1975, O'Brien took a new job as an organizer with the Teamsters' Southern Conference and moved to Hallandale, Fla., with his second wife, Brenda Berger O'Brien, a Tennessee native.

He also became a target of the Internal Revenue Service. Two years earlier, O'Brien had been convicted of violating federal labor laws for accepting a gift of Chevrolet Vega from an auto dealer whose sales staff the union was attempting to organize.

Although he would later serve four months in prison for taking the feeble, the IRS pursued him for years for not paying taxes on the gift, as well as other back income taxes.

In 1991, O'Brien's close relation-

ship with "Uncle Tony," as he referred to Detroit mob enforcer Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, and his acknowledged friendship with other mob figures such as Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, cost him his \$90,000-a-year job. A review board, created by the Justice Department and a federal court to investigate corruption in the Teamster leadership, permanently barred O'Brien from the union for various transgressions, including his association with organized crime figures.

At that time, O'Brien told The News that he was bankrupt. He said he was divorced once again and living in a rented room. At the final review board hearing in Newark, N.J., in 1991, O'Brien showed up without a lawyer, saying he could not afford one. He filed for bankruptcy that year, listing assets of \$1,095 and debts of \$451,436.

New career

After he was bounced from the union, O'Brien became a salesman for a retail business in Memphis, Tenn., selling dips and salsa to restaurants and grocery stores. The company is owned by his wife's family.

Although O'Brien, 66, has had serious heart and prostate problems in recent years, his fortunes appear to have turned around. Even though divorce records in the Palm Beach County Courthouse shows that the

O'Briens dissolved their marriage in 1987 and there is no document filed in that court house that shows they remarried, they are still living in a home Brenda Berger O'Brien bought in 1981. The couple has five grown children.

The neighborhood the O'Briens live in is a short distance from the Boca Raton Town Center and its upscale mall of stores and restaurants. Palm Beach County records showed that Brenda O'Brien paid \$143,300 for the home 20 years ago.

County records also show that by July 1993, O'Brien, discharged the \$183,368 in income tax liens filed against him.

On a recent visit by a Detroit News reporter, the usually affable and quotable O'Brien said he was taking the advice of his lawyer, William Bufalino II of Clinton Township, and keeping his mouth shut.

"We don't know what this DNA bull— is about, and I'd be a fool not to listen to my lawyer," he said.

O'Brien did say his health is better these days. In the past 16 months he was treated for prostate cancer. He also has had quadruple heart bypass surgery as well as surgery to remove his gall bladder.

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[REDACTED], previously aware of the interviewing Agents' identity, provided the following information:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He understood how our [REDACTED] some people always leak stuff, they like to see stuff in the papers.

Investigation on 12/11/2001 at [REDACTED]File # 281A-DE-67821Date dictated 12/13/2001by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] / ARS:brs

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Date of transcription 12/14/2001

[REDACTED], born [REDACTED] Social Security Account Number: [REDACTED] home address: [REDACTED] home telephone: [REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, he provided the following:

[REDACTED] advised that approximately one month prior, [REDACTED] He recalled watching a documentary on the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA on the History Channel. After watching the television program, [REDACTED] believes he was present and witnessed JIMMY HOFFA's disappearance. [REDACTED] recalled the following:

In July, 1975, [REDACTED] was working as an [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] believes he was working for a company called [REDACTED] located in [REDACTED] could not specifically recall on what day in July, 1975, he was in the Detroit area, however, he believes it was on the date that JIMMY HOFFA was last seen alive.

[REDACTED] recalled that between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m., he parked his [REDACTED] located in a northern suburb of Detroit, Michigan. [REDACTED] stated that he was "killing time," awaiting a delivery the following morning. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After speaking to the man, [REDACTED] observed a [REDACTED] parked in the rear section of the RED FOX INN parking lot. [REDACTED] then observed a [REDACTED] described only [REDACTED] drive into the lot, make a circle, and

See IA#123 & IA#124

Investigation on 11/30/01 at [REDACTED]File # 281A-DE-67821-1111Date dictated 12/03/01by SA [REDACTED]:dlc

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

On 11/30/01

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park [REDACTED] described the car as having parked equidistant between the restaurant and the Cadillac.

[REDACTED] observed a male exit the vehicle from the driver's position. He described the male as being in his 20's, approximately 5'10" to 5'11" in height, with dark hair. [REDACTED] described the male as having a husky build, and he was dressed as if he had a blue collar job.

The man whom [REDACTED] believes to be JIMMY HOFFA exited the black Cadillac from the rear passenger seat. [REDACTED] described HOFFA as being a male in his 50's or 60's, six feet in height, with a medium build and balding. HOFFA was wearing a dark suit and [REDACTED] described him as being dressed "nicely."

HOFFA approached the male who exited vehicle, and the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
From the 1960's to the present, [REDACTED] stated that he
has been employed as an [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/14/2001

To: Detroit

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

From: Charlotte CS/KSS
Asheville RA
Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] dlc

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending) 1112

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead covered.

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1106

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Detroit is the original and two copies of an FD-302 interview of [REDACTED], 1A envelope containing original interview notes, and 1A containing letter provided by Bennett.

Details: On November 30, 2001, [REDACTED] was interviewed in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recalled seeing Jimmy Hoffa sometime in July, 1975, while in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. [REDACTED] realized he had seen Hoffa after watching a television documentary about Hoffa on the History Channel approximately one month prior. [REDACTED] could not produce any documentation which confirmed that he would have been in the Detroit area in 1975. For additional details, see attached FD-302.

After telephonic contact with SA [REDACTED] it was determined that a photographic line-up would not be shown to [REDACTED].

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] insisted that the investigating agent take custody of a letter written to [REDACTED]. This letter is not relevant to the HOFFEX investigation.

Charlotte Division considers this lead covered.

To: Detroit From... Charlotte
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 12/14/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

For information. Read and clear.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)

Date 3/12/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX

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Re GANTAX investigation (281A-DE-58586).

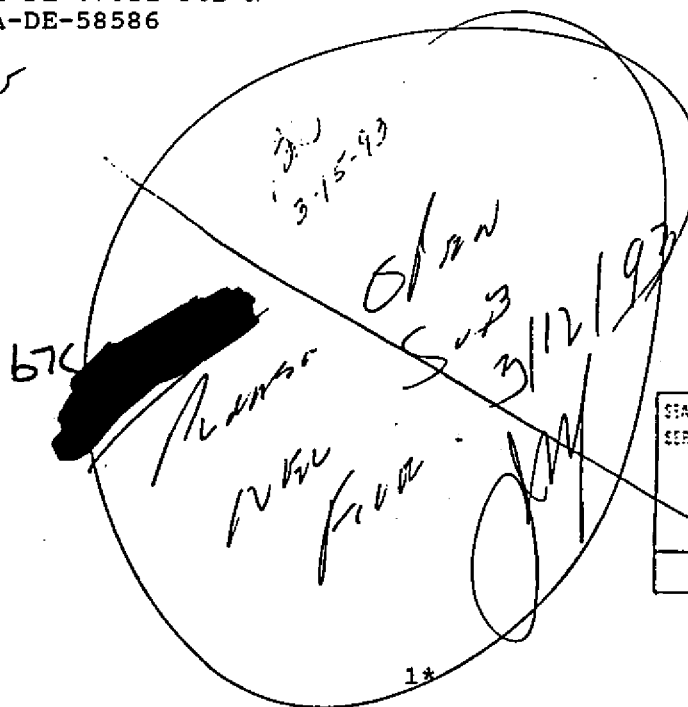
281A-DE-67821 SUB N file will be created to maintain and correlate all relevant reports in the GANTAX investigation (281A-DE-58586) which pertain to captioned investigation. The purpose of the sub file is to collect all pertinent reports involving ANTHONY "TONY JACK" GIACALONE, [REDACTED] and others that provide information related to the HOFFEX investigation; this determination will be made by the GANTAX case agents and the organized crime supervisor.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/03/2002

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
OC Section, LCN/Labor Unit

Baltimore

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

b7C Drafted By: [REDACTED]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead for Baltimore Division.

Enclosures: Copy of letter from [REDACTED] to FBI dated 09/07/2001.

Details: [REDACTED] wrote the enclosed letter after reading about the Hoffa investigation in a newspaper.

[REDACTED] claims to have knowledge concerning the 07/30/1975, disappearance of James R. Hoffa. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED]

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 01/03/2002

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

BALTIMORE

AT [REDACTED]

Interview [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
and determine the extent of his knowledge of the Hoffa
kidnaping/murder.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/03/2002

To: Indianapolis

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

Squad 5

From: Detroit

Squad C-8

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead for Indianapolis to interview [REDACTED] b7A

Administrative: Re Indianapolis EC to Detroit dated 10/11/2001.

Details: [REDACTED] b7A


To: Indianapolis. From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 01/03/2002

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

INDIANAPOLIS

AT CARMEL, IN

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